

# Hart Township

## REGULAR MEETING October 12, 2016 7:30 PM

Pledge to the flag

Meeting was called to order by McGhan at 7:30 pm Board members present were Metzler, McGhan, Moul, Tariske and Huntington. There were 5 in the audience at the opening of the meeting.

**Public Comments:** Anne Hardy from Oceana County Economic Development Corp. was here to ask us to put a survey in our Winter Tax bills. It is a survey about high speed internet. Board decided to let her bring some to the Township Hall for us to hand out. Metzler feels it would be too expensive to have in tax bills (stamps, envelopes, stuffing, etc.)

Sandra Clarke is a Democrat running for the State Representative. She works at West Shore Comm. College. She is involved in the Promise Zone which helps students in the school district go to college. There are only 10 of these in our area and she would like to increase that total. She would like to see a transit system started in this area to help people get to jobs, appointments, etc. and have it be 24/7 access. there are grants that can be used for this purpose and we are not applying for them. She says the money is not being used from these grants. It could possibly bring 150-250 new jobs to our County. This could also provide job training.

**Approval of the agenda for October 12, 2016 meeting:** Moul made a motion to accept the October agenda and seconded by Metzler. All ayes, passed.

**Approval of the Regular meeting minutes from September 14, 2016:** Motion for the approval of the Regular meeting minutes for Sept. approved by Moul and seconded by Metzler. All ayes, passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Metzler reported on an income of \$33,056.95, expenditures of \$10,755.83 and with a balance of \$178,175.87. A motion by Tariske was made to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Moul. All ayes, passed.

**Clerk's submission and approval of Sept./Oct. bills:** The bills were presented to be paid at a total of \$150,456.13 minus the 3 quarters of 2016 for the Cemetery of \$12,750.00 and minus 2 of the road bills of \$35,699.00 (to be paid next month) for a total of \$102,007.13. A motion was made by Tariske and seconded by Moul to pay the bills Roll call: Metzler yes, McGhan yes, Moul yes, Tariske yes, Huntington yes, All ayes passed.

**Old Business:** 1) Bid from Hallack for Water Rd. The bid was too high to go ahead. Board is asking that we contact Bumstead for assistance in getting some help to fix this road. It seems other parts of the road have been done (in Shelby) with State help.

2) Elected Officials Longevity pay? Board decided to stop funding the retirement fund back in April 2016 due to poor return. The board needs to be getting this 9% back in their pay. Elected officials cannot take a pay cut in the 4 years they are in office. Huntington does not think we need to get the additional money in pay. A vote was taken to return the 9% pay to board members McGhan, yes Tariske, yes, Metzler, yes, Huntington, no, Moul, no. 3-2 passed.

3) Response from property owners to close (abandon) 96 th Ave. south of Lever Rd. A letter was typed and sent registered mail to the 4 property owners to find out if they are in favor of closing 96<sup>th</sup> Ave south of Lever at the dead end. We received 4 letters approving the closure. We will need to send letter to the Road Commission to start the process to close.

**New Business:** 1) Oceana MTA agenda. Metzler was wondering if he was the only one getting the agenda for MTA. This information is sent to the Hart Township e mail so Barbie makes sure everyone gets a copy.

**Committee reports:**

**Assessor:** Kirwin , Dan Has had a variance request and has to send letters to adjoining property owners for their input. Many new homes are being built in Hart Twp.

**Supervisor:** McGhan says the Fire Dept. is in limbo and reports that need to be turned in are submitted under protest.

**Library:** Metzler Meeting re scheduled for Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Cemetery Committee:** McGhan/Moul Meeting is scheduled for Monday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> @7:00 PM.

**Planning Commission:** Huntington, Meeting was Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Board went over next year schedule for road work. Chip & seal the ones that were wedged this year to keep them in good repair, 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. (Filmore to Baseline) Tyler Rd. (Oceana to 88<sup>th</sup> Ave.) Start on Taylor Rd (Water Rd. to 64<sup>th</sup> Ave.) Wedge, Chip & Seal or solid wedge, Tyler Rd. (88<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 112<sup>th</sup> Ave.) Wedge, Chip & Seal or solid wedge. Polk Rd. (Oceana Dr. to 100<sup>th</sup> Ave.) Wedge, Chip & Seal.

**Recreation:** Moul, Good budget with 5% more than last year. Meeting scheduled for Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM.

**Zoning and Planning:** McGhan, Building permits, Dale Routly on 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. for a Small barn, Dodie & Randy Stark for an addition on garage at Crystal Lake & Glover for a Zoning variance on 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**Clerk:** Tariske, Building insurance went from \$218,000.00 to \$296,000.00 coverage with \$21,000.00 contents. May need to look into increasing the content coverage. Received Human Trafficking signs to post on message board.

**Administrative Assistant: (Goss)**

**Maintenance (Bosse)** Had the ramp removed and saving the wood in storage building at Cemetery. Starting to fix the back of the Township Hall building.

**Misc/public comment:** Nothing

**A motion to adjourn:** was made by Tariske and seconded by Moul All ayes, Passed.

Adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Tim Tariske, Hart Township Clerk